

Nag, the queen of know-it-all, and an adventure in a far-away kingdom that included Greek gods, a life-size, pop-up-book-style castle and a witch.

On Wednesday, the girls will be honored by Ysleta Independent School District officials during a school-board meeting.

While there, they plan to display the 28 pins each of the girls traded and bartered with the more than 13,000 other contestants at the competition. Plans also are being made by City Council members to honor the team members with certificates.

"I want to continue with OM (Odyssey of the Mind) and encourage others to participate," said Nebban, who in the play was the green-faced witch who was pursued by Queen Nag.

"It's a really great thing to be a part of and can be started by anyone at any school."

HONORING THE CAREER OF JOHNNIE B. BOOKER

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 1996

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Johnnie B. Booker on her stellar career and wish her well in her retirement. Ms. Booker's excellent work came to my attention through her outstanding service at City National Bank in Newark, NJ. There, she provided the impetus for invaluable economic growth and opportunity in my district, and for that I am most grateful. She has been a dedicated public servant for over 20 years, and it is an honor for me to recognize her accomplishments here today.

For the past 2 years, Johnnie B. Booker has been a champion of minority rights and equal opportunity in her position at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation [FDIC]. There, she managed the corporation's oversight of programs to include minority- and women-owned business and law firms in contracting activities, with both expertise and care. Her work was invaluable in the corporation's quest to achieve equal opportunity and to create an environment which fosters and embraces diversity.

Johnnie B. Booker is an incredibly skilled woman, one whose experiences touched the lives of many. She served as a civil rights specialist as well as the director of consumer affairs and civil rights at the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. She also has worked for the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at HUD where she refined and polished her managerial and administrative aptitudes.

It is an honor for me to rise today in commendation of such a genuinely generous and dedicated public servant. Johnnie B. Booker has been committed throughout the course of her career to serve those in need and to protect the rights of minorities and women. I hope you will join me in applauding her career and wishing her well in the future.

THE NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 1996

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, which today is one of the largest nonprofit health agencies in the United States, originated 50 years ago with an idea and a small three-line classified advertisement that appeared in the May 1, 1945 edition of the New York Times. The printed appeal for help was placed by Sylvia Lawry, the founder, whose late brother suffered from MS. In her ad, Miss Lawry asked that anyone who might know of a cure for MS contact her.

Thus was born the organization which today serves a membership of 430,000 through 140 chapters and branches. It is the only organization supporting both national and international research into the cause and cure of multiple sclerosis and a full range of services in areas of health, knowledge, and independence.

In my district, 2,200 people with MS are served by the Northwest Ohio Chapter alone. The chapter is able to raise funds that directly benefit local programs and allows for educational workshops, equipment loan services, aquatics programs, and so much more!

The Nation is very proud of the work of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the contributions it has made to biomedical research. Since its founding, the society has invested more than \$175 million in scientific grants.

As a result, we are much closer today than ever before to understanding what causes multiple sclerosis and how to treat it. Someday soon we may possibly learn to prevent and cure it. Enormous strides have been taking place in the neurosciences recently, giving rise to a real hope that this may happen soon.

Sylvia Lawry continues to be active in the affairs of both the national and international MS societies. Her dedication, and the work of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society are an inspiration for all.

PRAYER OFFERED BY REVEREND JOE WRIGHT

HON. ROBERT K. DORNAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 1996

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, is this Rev. Joe Wright perfectly on track, or what?

The following is excerpted from, and inspired by a prayer offered in the Kansas House on January 23d, by Rev. Joe Wright of Central Christian Church in Wichita.

We have ridiculed the absolute truth of God's word, and called it pluralism.

We have worshipped other gods, and called it multiculturalism.

We have endorsed perversion, and called it alternative lifestyle.

We have exploited the poor, and called it the lottery.

We have neglected the needy, and called it self-preservation.

We have rewarded laziness, and called it welfare.

We have killed the pre-born, and called it choice.

We have neglected to discipline our children, and called it building self-esteem.

We have abused power, and called it political savvy.

We have coveted our neighbors' possessions, and called it ambition.

We have polluted the airwaves with profanity and pornography, and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers, and called it enlightenment.

We have indoctrinated our children, and called it education.

We have censored God from our public life, and called it religious freedom.

We have prevented our citizens from defending themselves, and called it gun control.

We have allowed violent criminals to prey on society, and called it compassion.

We have imprisoned the innocent and let the guilty go free, and called it justice.

Indeed, America is in much need of prayer.

THE SECURITIES AMENDMENTS OF 1996

HON. THOMAS J. BLILEY, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 1996

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, today I offer an amendment to H.R. 3005, the Securities Amendments of 1996, that makes five important changes to this legislation.

This amendment ensures that the benefits of exemption from multiple layers of State regulation that this legislation provides to issuers of national securities offerings are available to large, established partnerships and limited liability companies. As passed by the Commerce Committee, the legislation included a limitation that prevented partnerships and limited liability companies from qualifying for the exemption from State regulation that the legislation provides to national securities issuers. This limitation was included—and remains in the legislation—to address concerns raised by some that these vehicles might be more prone to abuse. These concerns do not, however, extend to large, established companies that may be organized as partnerships or limited liability companies.

Therefore, the amendment I offer today eliminates State regulation over securities issued by a partnership or limited liability company that is either a registered dealer or an affiliate of such a dealer and has capital or equity of not less than \$75 million. In addition, to qualify for the exemption State authority that this legislation provides, if the issuer is not a registered dealer, the issuer must not use the proceeds of the offering to fund its non-financial business. I intend that dealer affiliates, however, be able to rely upon the exemption to finance the full range of their activities, whether or not involving transactions in securities. Dealers and their affiliates today are legitimately engaged in a broad range of investment-related activities. Accordingly, I intend the financial business for purposes of section 18(c)(4)(A)(3), to include any business or activity pertaining to securities, commodities, banking, trust services, or insurance as well as the financing of any related capital or operating expense.

I also recognize that issuers commonly add the proceeds of securities offerings to their